Allende Death Still a Mystery

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From News Dispatches

SANTIAGO, Sept. 12—Chile's new military junta buried Salvador Allende today and warned that any armed supporters of the dead president would be "shot on the spot."

Explosions were heard in some industrial outskirts of the capital, and snipers barricaded in downtown office buildings exchanged fire with military patrols below.

The streets were empty of civilians because of a curfew imposed yesterday. All businesses were closed and many persons were stranded in offices and hotels. Radio stations were heavily censored and only two of Santiago's dozen daily papers were allowed to appear.

There was no way of telling how many persons have been killed, although guesses by journalists have ranged from several dozen to hundreds. The U.S. embassy said all Americans were safe and there were no reports of any foreigners injured.

There was also confusion on just how Allende died after the assault on his palace by planes set it ablaze.

Reuter printed the following full text of the communique read today over the radio hookup controlled by the military:

"1. At 1350 hours on Tuesday, Sept. 11, through the mediation of Fernando Flores and Daniel Vergara [members of Allende's official staff], Salvador Allende offered to surrender unconditionally to the military forces.

"2. To this effect, it was immediately decided to send a patrol, whose arrival at the Moneda Palace was delayed by the devious activity of snipers posted mainly in the Public Works Ministry who tried to intercept it.

"3. On entering the Moneda, the patrol found Mr. Allende's corpse in one of its chambers.

"4. A commission from the medical services of the armed forces and the national police and a forensic doctor certified his death.

"5. At midday on Wednesday, Sept. 12, he was buried privately in the presence of his family."

It was not said what family members attended. The Chris-

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